THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Some encroachments have been detected and legal action for their eviction/removal has been taken.

(d) No specific time limit is possible since rehabilitation of the remaining families depends upon the availability of land under encroachment.

Demand for linking Chandigarh with the main line through Ludhiana

1368. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long standing demand to link Chandigarh with the main line through Ludhiana; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to undertake this project and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Chandigarh is already linked to Ludhiana *via* main line through Ambala.

Reviewing of crop insurance scheme

1369. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reviewing the Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government have already conducted a review of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) and the following changes were introduced in the Scheme with effect from Kharif 1988:—

(a) The sum insured would be limited to Rs. 10,000/- per farmer irrespective of the quantum of loan taken by the farmer.

(b) The total sum insured would be limited to 100 per cent of the crop loan.

Besides, from Rabi 1988-89 in addition to these changes, the level of indemnity for various crops was altered as per the following details:—

Category	Variation in yield	Indemnity
Low	Upto 15%	90%
Medium	16—30%	80%
High	Above 30%	60%

Procurement of foodgrains in Punjab

1370. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of different foodgrains procured by the Central agencies from Punjab during each of the last three years; and

(b) what percentage of the national food kitty did these procurements account for?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Statement attached. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 58].

Attaching of second class bogies with the Shatabdi Express

1371. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rethinking on the question of providing one or two second class bogies with the Shatabdi Express running between New Delhi and Chandigarh; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what do Government propose to

do to cater to the needs of ordinary lower middle class citizens travelling between Delhi-Chandigarh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The inflow of air, dust and noise at that high spead will be highly uncomfortable to the passengers. Existing 4 pairs of direct trains, having Second Class accommodation, are serving the traffic requirements of Delhi-Chandigarh section adequately.

प्रतापपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के कर्मचारियों को वेतन का भुगतान

1372. **श्री शांति त्यागी :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रतापपुर, जिला मेरठ में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के साढ़े तीन सौ श्रमिकों ने तीस लाख रुपये मूल्य का चावल माल गाड़ी के डिब्बों से बाहर फेंक दिया था, क्योंकि उनकी वकाया वेतन के भुगतान की मांग को स्वीकार नहीं किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में कुछ श्रमिकों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री साथू राम सिंधी) : (क) भारतीय खाद्य निगम के खाद्य भण्डारण डिपो, प्रतापपुर में मेट प्रणाली के अधीन कार्य कर रहे श्रमिकों ने चावल की विशेष गाड़ी के प्रत्येक वैगन में 5 मार्च, 1990 को कुछ बोरियां प्लेटफार्म पर उतारीं थीं और उसके बाद काम बंद कर दिया था। विलम्ब-शुल्क/घाट-शुल्क की वसूली करने में विवाद होने के कारण श्रमिकों का भुगतान बिल लम्बित पड़ा था। देय राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट 6 मार्च को प्राप्त हुआ था लेकिन श्रमिकों ने उसे लेने से इन्कार कर दिया था और उन्होंने नकद भुगतान की मांग की थी। बाद में, समझौता होने के बाद डिमांड ड्राफ्ट प्राप्त हो गया था और श्रमिक मेट ने उसे 6-3-1990 को भुना लिया था।

(ख) और (ग) चूंकि श्रमिकों ने हिंसा की थी 7 श्रमिकों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया था जिन्हें बाद में जमानत पर छोड़ डिया गया था। भारतीय खाद्य निगम के अधिकारियों द्वारा श्रमिकों के साथ बात-चीत करने के बाद, काम शुरू कर दिया गया था।

Mass Rapid Transport System

1373. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of proposals of Mass Rapid Transport System for metropolitan cities pending for clearance;

(b) whether there is any change in the policy of Government with regard to their being taken up;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, by when they are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The following project reports have been referred to the Government of India by the respective State Governments:—

(i) Extension of Calcutta Metro Railway from Tollyganj to Garia;

(ii) Extension of the Metro (Inner Circular Corridor-Rail) Rail System from Luz to Taramani and from Taramani to Villivakkam in Madras;

(iii) Establishment of a Light Rail Transit System in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Mass Rapid Transport Systems being highly capital intensive, there is a need that project reports on such schemes are scrutinised in detail from the point of view